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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Res. 142, relative to the death of former Senator Russell B. Long.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1044–1055, and S. Res. 142.

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Measures Reported:

S. 1050, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. (S. Rept. No. 108–46)

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S. 1047, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

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S. 1048, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military construction.

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S. 1049, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for defense activities of the Department of Energy.

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S. 1054, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004.

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Measures Passed:

Relative to the Death of Former Senator Russell B. Long: Senate agreed to S. Res. 142, relative to the death of Russell B. Long, former United States Senator for the State of Louisiana.

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Energy Policy Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 14, to enhance the energy security of the United States, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn

Feinstein Amendment No. 542 (to Amendment No. 539), to authorize the Governors of the States to elect to participate in the renewable fuel program.

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Pending:

Frist/Daschle Amendment No. 539, to eliminate methyl tertiary butyl ether from the United States fuel supply, to increase production and use of renewable fuel, and to increase the Nation's energy independence.

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Reconciliation—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 1054, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004, at 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, May 14, 2003.

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Authority for Committees to Meet: Pages S6143-44
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Adjournment: Senate met at 10:01 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator Russell B. Long, of Louisiana, in accordance with S. Res. 142, adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, May 14, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6145.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Transportation Security Administration, and Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, after receiving testimony from Robert C. Bonner, Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Admiral James M. Loy, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, and Connie L. Patrick, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS: AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers after-school program of the Department of Education, focusing on the benefits to students in providing effective academic and recreational opportunities and safe havens for youth, after receiving testimony from William D. Hansen, Deputy Secretary of Education; Mayor John DeStefano, Jr., New Haven, Connecticut; Harvey Sprafka, Knoxville Police Department, Knoxville, Iowa, on behalf of Fight Crime: Invest In Kids; Arnold Schwarzenegger, National Inner-City Games Foundation, Santa Monica, California; Steven Kinlock, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Madison White, Massillon, Ohio.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Steven B. Nesmith, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, who was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum, Jose Teran, of Florida, James Broaddus, of Texas, Lane Carson, of Louisiana, Morgan Edwards, of North Carolina, and Paul Pate, of Iowa, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences, Nicholas Gregory Mankiw, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MEDIA OWNERSHIP

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine media ownership, focusing on localism, diversity, and competition in broadcast television, and the Federal Communication Commission's ban on newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership, receiving testimony from Mel Karmazin, Viacom Incorporated, New York, New York; James F. Goodmon, Capitol Broadcasting Company, Incorporated, Raleigh, North Carolina; Frank A. Blethen, Seattle Times, Seattle, Washington; and William Dean Singleton, MediaNews Group, Denver, Colorado.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

HISTORIC SITES/NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded hearings to examine S. 500, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study certain sites in the historic district of Beaufort, South Carolina, relating to the Reconstruction Era, S. 601, and H.R. 733 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site in Oregon City, Oregon, for inclusion in the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, S. 612 and H.R. 788, to revise the boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona, S. 452, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War, and S. 630 and H.R. 519, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the San Gabriel River Watershed, after receiving testimony from Senators Boxer and Bennett; Representative Solis; and Sue Masica, Associate Director for Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 1054) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004.

FREE TRADE OF THE AMERICAS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade concluded hearings to examine the status of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (a proposal to improve the quality of life for the residents of participating nations), focusing on negotiations and preparations for the Miami Ministerial, after receiving testimony from Peter F. Allgeier, Deputy United States Trade Representative; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, General Accounting Office; James Fendell, Aerocasillas—Aeropost, Miami, Florida, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America, and the Association of American Chambers of Commerce in

Latin America; Craig Hill, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, West Des Moines; and John Audley, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Thea M. Lee, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL–CIO), both of Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to call.

PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine Project Safe Neighborhoods, focusing on America's network against gun violence, after receiving testimony from Paul M. Warner, United States Attorney for the District of Utah, Salt Lake City, Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney

for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria, Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, and Patrick L. Meehan, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, all of the Department of Justice; Donald R. Totaro, Lancaster County District Attorney, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Russell Edward Spann, West Valley City Police, Utah; Dennis A. Mook, Newport News Police Department, Virginia; Charles L. Curtis, Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission, Missouri; Alfred Blumstein, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Jens Ludwig, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 2068–2081; 2 private bills, H.R. 2082, 2083; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 177–178, and H. Res. 231–233, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 229, providing for consideration of H.R. 1527, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2003 through 2006 (H. Rept. 108–97); and

H. Res. 230, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1000, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional protections to participants and beneficiaries in individual account plans from excessive investment in employer securities and to promote the provision of retirement investment advice to workers managing their retirement income assets (H. Rept. 108–98).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Murphy to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess:: The House recessed at 12:54 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H3979

Suspensions: the House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Conveyance of the Coast Guard Cutter BRAM-BLE to the Port Huron Museum of Arts in Port Huron, Michigan and the Coast Guard Cutter PLANETREE to Jewish Life in Sherman Oaks, California: H.R. 517, amended, to direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to convey the Coast Guard Cutter BRAMBLE, upon its scheduled decommissioning, to the Port Huron Museum of Arts and History located in Port Huron, Michigan, for use for education and historical display. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "A bill to direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to convey 2 Coast Guard cutters.";

Pages H3981–83

Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse, Dayton, Ohio: H.R. 281, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the "Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse" (agreed to by yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 183);

Pages H3983-85, H3993-94

Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run on the Capitol Grounds: H. Con. Res. 128, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the D.C. Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run;

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Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building, Bowling Green, Ohio: H.R. 985, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 West Washington Street in Bowling Green, Ohio, as the "Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building";

Pages H3986-87

Honoring the Life of the Late Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Matthew J. Ryan: H. Res. 178, honoring the life and work of

former Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Matthew J. Ryan and offering the deepest condolences of the United States House of Representatives to his wife and family on his death;

Pages H3987-88

Urging the United Nations to Remove the Economic Sanctions Against Iraq: H. Con. Res. 160, amended, expressing the sense of Congress that the United Nations should remove the economic sanctions against Iraq completely and without condition (agreed to by yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 184); and

Pages H3988-90, H3994-95

Commending Individuals Who Contributed to the Debris Collection Effort Following the Space Shuttle Columbia Accident. H. Res. 222, commending those individuals who contributed to the debris collection effort following the Space Shuttle Columbia Accident (agreed to by yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 185).

Pages H3990-93, H3995

Recess: The House recessed at 3:46 p.m. and reconvened at 6:33 p.m. Page H3993

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4013–15.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay vote and recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3993–94, H3994–95, and H3995. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Began markup of H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

Will continue tomorrow.

STATE OF AMERICAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on "The State of American Higher Education: What are Parents, Students and Taxpayers Getting

for their Money?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM STATE

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on the state of the international financial system, IMF reform, and compliance with IMF agreements. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

TAX DOLLARS—HOW MUCH IS LOST TO IMPROPER PAYMENTS EACH YEAR?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing on "Show Me the Tax Dollars—How Much is Lost to Improper Payments Each Year?" Testimony was heard from Linda M. Springer, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; and Kerry N. Weems, Acting Assistant Secretary, Budget, Technology, and Finance, Department of Health and Human Services.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOLLOWING MILITARY OPERATIONS: OVERCOMING BARRIERS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing on "Humanitarian Assistance Following Military Operations: Overcoming Barriers," Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. Jay Garner, USA, (Ret.), Director, Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of State: Richard Greene, Principal Deputy Assistant, Bureau of Population, Refugee and Migration; and William J. Garvelink, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, AID; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—2010 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held an oversight hearing entitled "The American Community Survey: The Challenges of Eliminating the Long Form From the 2010 Census." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Kathleen Cooper, Under Secretary, Economic Affairs; and C. Louis Kincannon, Director, Bureau of the Census; Joseph Salvo, Director, Population Division, Department of City Planning, New York City; and public witnesses.

REVIEWING SUDAN PEACE ACT REPORT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Reviewing the Sudan Peace Act Report. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Roger Winter, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, AID; and Walter H. Kansteiner III, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs.

"JOHN ALLEN MUHAMMAD, DOCUMENT FRAUD, AND THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE PASSPORT EXCEPTION"

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on "John Allen Muhammad, Document Fraud, and the Western Hemisphere Passport Exception." Testimony was heard from Robert J. Cramer, Managing Director, Office of Special Investigations, GAO; Roderick Beverly, Special Agent in Charge, Office of International Operations, FBI, Department of Justice; Sharon Palmer-Royston, Chief Legal Officer for Passport Service, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and John E. Fuller, Head of Antiguan Task Force investigating Muhammad's activities.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing I hour of general debate on H.R. 1527, National Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization Act of 2003. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment by section, and that each section shall be considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Mica.

PENSION SECURITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 1000, Pension Security Act of 2003, providing 1 hour and 20 minutes of debate in the House, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative George Miller of California or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehner and Representatives George Miller of California, Andrews, Kucinich, Visclosky and Sanders.

USE OF PRIVATE COLLECTION AGENCIES TO IMPROVE IRS DEBT COLLECTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Use of Private Collection Agencies to Improve IRS Debt Collection. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, and Nina Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, both with the IRS; and Pam Gardiner, Acting Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Alan Felton, Assistant Secretary, Examinations and Collections, Department of Revenue, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the 2002 Farm Bill, 2 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on the foster care system, 9:30 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine health care access and affordability, focusing on the impact on the economy, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine tissue banks, focusing on federal regulation, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 888, to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act, S. 686, to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers, S. 504, to establish academics for teachers and students of American history and civics and a national alliance of teachers of American history and civics, and S. 754, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve immunization rates by increasing the distribution of vaccines and improving and clarifying the vaccine injury compensation program, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 285, to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance abuse programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, S. 555, to establish the Native American Health and Wellness Foundation, S. 558, to elevate the position Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health, S. 344, expressing the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, and S. 702, to amend the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, to be immediately followed by oversight hearings to examine the role of funding of the Federal National Indian Gaming Commission, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Agencies, on International Education, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to continue on public witnesses, 9:45 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, to continue markup on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "United Nations Oil For Food Program," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, to mark up H.R. 1474, Check Clearing the 21st Century Act, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Divesting Saddam: Freezing, Seizing, and Repatriating Saddam's Money to the Iraqis," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Europe and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, to continue joint hearings on U.S. Cooperative Threat Reduction and Nonproliferation Programs: How Far Have We Come—Where Are We Heading?, Part 11, 12:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 21, Unlawful Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act; and H.R. 1904, Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on "Reauthorization of the U.S. Department of Justice: Bureau of Prisons; Office of Justice Programs; U.S. Marshals Service; and Criminal Division," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, hearing on Cybersecurity Research

and Development, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on the Effect on U.S. Small Business of the World Trade Organization's Challenge to the FSC/ETI Rules of the IRC, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, to mark up the following: a measure to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration; and the Aviation Security Technical Corrections and Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on General Defense Intelligence Program (GDIP) Budget, 2:15 p.m., H–405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 9:15 a.m., Wednesday, May 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will begin consideration of S. 1054. Reconciliation Bill.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 14

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of Suspensions:

- (1) S. 870, Fruit and Vegetable Pilot Program under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act:
- (2) H.R. 1577, "Kris Eggle Memorial Visitors' Center" in Organ Pipe National Monument, Arizona;
- (3) H.R. 1012, Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site Establishment Act:
- (4) H.R. 856, Repayment Contract Revision with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo Project, Texas;
- (5) H.R. 255, Lewis and Clark Interpretative Center in Nebraska City, Nebraska Access Easement; and
- (6) H.R. 192, Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act and Foreign Assistance Act amendments to increase assistance to the poorest people in developing countries;

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